

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title as follows:

~~THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME~~

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Please replace the Abstract with the attached substitute Abstract.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, immediately following the title, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This is a Division of Application No. ~~09/748,207~~, 09/748,207, filed December 27, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,747,851, issued June 8, 2004. The entire disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.